

"Work is wrapping up on Sardis, Arcadia, Copan, and El Dorado Lakes," Patete said. "And we are completing work at Truscott Lake — a reservoir to contain salt brine that's part of the exciting project to reduce natural salt pollution in the Red River."

In addition, special facilities at Tinker Air Force Base will provide depot-level maintenance for the Navy's E-6A aircraft and the Air Force's recently unveiled Stealth Bomber.

"Our environmental engineers have assumed responsibility for Department of Defense environmental cleanup and protection at military establishments throughout this district," Parker said. "And we will be doing similar work for the Environmental Protection Agency at 'Superfund' sites throughout the entire multi-state Southwest Division."

## **PLANNING**

**AND REAL ESTATE.** "Planning has always been the life-blood of this district," said Bob Brown, Deputy District Engineer for Civil Works/Project Management. The tour had moved to the sleek Williams Tower offices across the street from the old federal building, into the Planning Division that Brown headed for a number of years.

"The District has a number of active investigations going on now, including flood control studies, review of existing projects, and planning assistance to state governments in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas," Brown said.

"Our current planning studies range from small projects such as flood improvements on Joe Creek in Tulsa to two broad water-resource investigations: the Red River Basin Comprehensive Study and the South-Central and Southeast Oklahoma Comprehensive Study. Those two studies focus on ways to provide jobs and development in economically depressed areas with water resource projects."

"One of our most valuable programs is called Flood Plain Management," said David Steele, Acting Chief of Planning.

"We respond to more than 13,000 requests each year for information about flood hazards at specific locations."

"One of the biggest jobs in this District, today and throughout our history, has been performed by the Real Estate Division," Patete said. "We acquire, manage, and dispose of real estate," he said. "Another Real Estate job is coordinating with our local cost-sharing partners."

"We administer more than a million acres, about one-half in land area and the other half water-surface."



**Above, Bob Brown. Below Strayhorn Landing, Tenkiller. Lakeshore management programs throughout the District provide services for thousands of visitors to area lakes.**